

Canadians Troops to South Africa, 1899 - 1902

Fourth Contingent

THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY  
(CANADIAN CONTINGENT THERETO)

A permanent mounted force for the maintenance of order and public security in the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal Colony. To act as a District Mounted Police in time of peace, as a military force in time of war, and available for service in any part of British South Africa.

In the Spring of 1901, the British authorities recruited in Canada 1,208 Non-Commissioned Officers and men for the said force, comprising twelve squadrons, as follows:

- "A" and "B" Sqds., enlisted in British Columbia
- "C" and "D" Sqds., enlisted in North-West Territories
- "E" and "F" Sqds., enlisted in Manitoba
- "G" Sqd., enlisted in Manitoba and Ontario
- "H" and "I" Sqds., enlisted in Ontario
- No "J" Sqd.
- "K" Sqd., enlisted in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia
- "L" Sqd., enlisted in New Brunswick.
- "M" Sqd., enlisted in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

PERIOD OF SERVICE: Three years from date of attestation in South Africa. On completion thereof two years re-engagement if desired by party engaged. After five years' service re-engagement by the year. In both cases conditional upon the approval of the officer commanding the division.

If the address of a person serving in that force be not positively known by the writer of a communication the latter should be sent to the care of the Chief Staff Officer, South African Constabulary Headquarters, Transvaal, South Africa.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE APPOINTED

Name and Rank	Former Canadian Corps
Capt. *H.E. Burstall	Capt., R.C.A.
Capt. C.C. Bennett	Maj. and Adjt., 6th Regt. of Rifles
Capt. F.W.L. Moore	Capt., 4th Regt. C.A.
Capt. *W.T. Lawless	(re-signed and appointed Captain in Scottish Horse)
	Capt., Gov.-Gen's Ft. Gds.
Capt. T.O. Critchley	2nd Lieut., Gov.-Genl's Ft.Gds.
Capt. A.H.H. Powell	Lieut., Pr. Louise Dragoon Gds.
Capt. W.H. Searth	Inspector, N W.M.P.
Capt. *E. Reading	Sgt.-Maj., R.C.D.
Capt. H.R. Poussette	Capt and Adjt., 26th Regt. Infft'y
Capt. G.S. Beer	2nd Lieut. Rocky Mountain Rangers
Capt. W.L. McGiverin	Late R.C.D.
Capt. *A.E. Swift	Capt., Lth Regt. of Rifles
Lieut. *J.O. Oland	Lieut., 63rd Regt of Rifles
Lieut. *A.B. Irvine	2nd Lieut., 90th Regt. of Rifles
Lieut. *C.P. Ermatinger	Late C.M.R.
Lieut. *D.A. O'Meara	2nd Lieut., 8th Regt of Rifles
Lieut. J.P. French	N.W.M.P.
Lieut. *W.D. McCarthy	Late 2nd (Special Service) Batt., R.C.R.I.
Lieut. W.H. Morgan	Vet. Capt., 5th F.B., C.A.
Lieut. J.F. Foulkes	Capt., 5th Regt. C.A.
Lieut. *H.A.C. Machin	Late 2nd (Special Service) Batt., R.C.R.I.
Lieut. G. Hampson	5th Regt. of Rifles.
Lieut. R.B. Eaton	None
Lieut. K.C. Folger	Cadet, R.M.C.
Lieut. R.R. Thompson	Late 2nd (Special Service) Batt., R.C.R.I.
Lieut. *F.W. Burritt	Late R.C.D.
Lieut. C.R.E. Willetts	Cadet, R. M. C.
Lieut. F.T. St. George	None
Lieut. *J.R.I. Atwater	Late 2nd (Special Service) Batt., R.C.R.I.
Lieut. G.R Lightbound	3rd. Regt. of Rifles.

Medical Officer:

Capt	F.L. Vaux	(re-signed and appointed Medical Officer in Imperial Yeomanry. Major, Militia Army Medical Services
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Nurses: Miss M. Richardson  
Miss V. Nesbitt

Before its departure this force was inspected at different times by His Excellency the Governor-General, the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence, and the General Officer Commanding the Canadian Militia. It sailed from Halifax on H.M. transport Montfort 28th March 1901, and reached Cape Town on the 25th April following.